

Appl. No. 10/658,754

Docket No.: 21398-00034

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are now in the application. The recent telephonic interview so courteously granted by Primary Examiner Cole is hereby noted with appreciation. As discussed during the telephonic interview, claim 1 has been amended to include additional punctuation for purposes of clarification and not to limit the claims. Also, as discussed during the telephonic interview claim 1 has been amended to recite "is for reacting said 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one with formaldehyde" in place of "being available for formaldehyde to react with said 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one" for purposes of clarification and not to limit the claims. The amendments to the claims do not introduce any new matter or raise any new issues and are placed to place the case in better condition for appeal.

The rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, has been overcome by the amendments to the claims and/or is not deemed tenable. In particular, the amendment to claim 1 to recite "is for reacting said 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one with formaldehyde" addresses the examiner's remarks with respect to the term "being available for formaldehyde to react with said 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one" that was previously present in claim 1.

Concerning the examiner's question with respect to impregnating the tabular base material, as discussed during the telephonic interview the 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one can be dissolved in a volatile solvent as disclosed in the specification and then contacted with the tabular base material. Impregnating is well within the skill in the art and would be readily understood by those skilled in the art. For instance, see US Patents 4,489,164 and 4,511,658, previously cited.

With respect to the phrase "at least in", as discussed during the telephonic interview, such is present to clarify that the 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one and buffer are not exclusively restricted to being present in the gas reaction zone. This is consistent with the present specification, such as at page 3, line 2.

Also as pointed out during the telephonic interview and in reply to the comments in paragraph 4 of the office action, claim 1 at line 4, previously recited "a buffer".

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

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In the event that the Examiner believes another interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

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